

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-22 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-4, 6, and 8-13 stand rejected.

Claims 4-9 and 13-22 are being canceled herein.

Claims 1-3 and 10-12 are amended herein.

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW

On October 26, 2004, counsel for Applicant (Ross Garsson and Melissa Schwaller) had a telephone interview with the Examiner to discuss the Application and the Final Office Action. Applicant and its counsel appreciate the opportunity to have this discussion and wish to thank the Examiner for the interview.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1

In the Final Office Action, the Patent Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1, as not reasonably providing enablement of various portions of the claims. Final Office Action, at 3.

In response to this Final Office Action and the Examiner Interview held October 26, 2004, Applicant has canceled Claims 4, 6, 8-9 and 13. (Applicant has further canceled Claims 5, 7 and 14-22 were previously withdrawn, with traverse). Applicant has amended Claims 1-3 and 10-12 herein. The amendment to Claims 1-3 and 10-12 were modified consistent with what was discussed during the Examiner Interview, particularly in view of the materials Applicant has submitted herewith.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that Applicant provide material supporting the claimed operability of the invention regarding other diseases that use the same signaling pathway as Crohn's disease and other substances that bind TNF-alpha in such a way as to stop TNF-alpha from activating TNF Receptor II. Accordingly, Applicant has attached herewith an Affidavit of Stefan Schreiber, the first-named inventor, reflecting such requested materials. In

support of the Affidavit of Stefan Schreiber, copies of articles and abstracts are attached in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw its rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶ 1.

III. CONCLUSION

As Applicant has amended this application to amend or cancel the rejected claims, Applicant believes that this application should proceed to allowance. However, in order to ensure that this Application is not inadvertently abandoned, Applicant has, as noted above, concurrently filed a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant believes that no other fees are due; however, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 23-2426 of WINSTEAD SECHREST & MINICK P.C.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this paper or the present application in general, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at 214.745.5633.

Respectfully submitted,

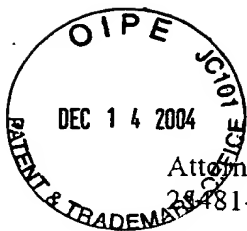
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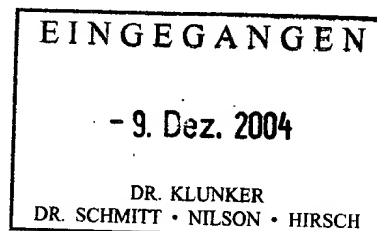
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Title: DIAGNOSTIC USE OF POLYMORPHISMS IN THE GENE CODING FOR
THE TNF RECEPTOR II AND METHOD FOR DETECTING
NON-RESPONDERS TO ANTI-TNF THERAPY



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AFFIDAVIT OF STEFAN SCHREIBER

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Dr.
STEFAN SCHREIBER, who made the following written verification:

1. I am co-inventor and co-applicant, along with Silvia Mascheretti and Jochen Hampel, with respects to the above styled patent application (collectively hereinafter the "co-inventors").

2. My education is as follows:

Personal Data:

Born: June 25, 1962; Berlin

Academic education:

1981 Studies of Medicine and Chemistry

1983-1987 Experimental thesis in muscular physiology
"Temperature dependency of post-vibration
tension recovery in skinned and intact smooth
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U. Peiper

1986	Final exam in Medicine
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October 1988 to Jan. 1990	Research Associate, Washington University School of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology
February 1990 to May 1991	Research Associate, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Gastrointestinal Section
June 1991 Nov. 1994	Assistant at the Hospital of the University of Hamburg Medical Department (Director: Prof. Dr. H. Greten)
Dec. 1994- Jan. 1998	Faculty at the Charité University Hospital (Humboldt University), IVth Medical Department
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1996	Completion of "Privat-Dozent" Thesis and Lecturer in Internal Medicine at the Charité University Hospital
Feb. 1998- Jan. 2004	Frederik Paulsen Professor for Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Christian-Albrechts University in Kiel
From Jan. 2004	Professor for Clinical Molecular Biology at the Christian-Albrechts- University Kiel

- 5 3. Other diseases that use the same signaling pathway as Crohn's disease include, but are not limited to,
- a. Rheumatoid arthritis (Elliot et al., 1994, Lancet; Fabris et al., 2002, J Rheumatol)
- 10 b. Psoriasis (Ogilvie et al., 2001, Br J Derm)
- c. Sarcoidosis (Yee et al., 2001, Ann Intern Med)
- d. SLE (Aringer et al., 2004, Arthritis and Rheumatism)
- e. Colonic carcinoma (Becker et al., 2004, Immunity; Rose-John & Neurath, 2004, Immunity; Atreya et al., 2000, Nat Med)
- 15 4. Other substances that bind TNF-alpha in such a way as to stop TNF-alpha from activating TNF Receptor II include, but are not limited to,
- a. Onercept, soluble recombinant PEGylated TNFR1 (Rutgeerts et al., 2003, Alim Pharm Ther)
- 20 b. Adalimumab , humanized anti TNF antibody (den Broeder et al., 2002, Ann Rheum Dis)
- c. CDP870, humanized PEGylated anti TNF antibody fragment (Choy et al., 2002, Rheumatology (Oxford))
- 25 d. CDP571, engineered human monoclonal anti TNF antibody (Sandborn et al., 2001, Gastroenterology)
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to
- 30 be true; and further that any willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Further Affiant sayeth not.


STEFAN SCHREIBER


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Dr. Stefan Schreiber appeared before me and personally signed on the 7 day of

December, 2004.

geboren am 25.06.1962, Moltkestr. 77, 24105 Kiel, ausgewiesen durch Reisepaß
Dr. Stefan Schreiber ist vor mir erschienen und hat eigenhändig unterzeichnet am

7. Dezember, 2004.

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Notary Public Signature
Unterschrift des Notars

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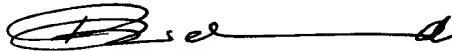
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